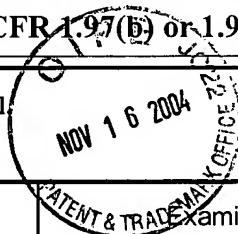


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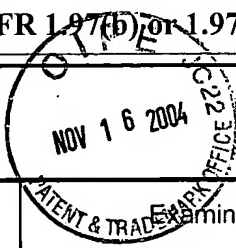
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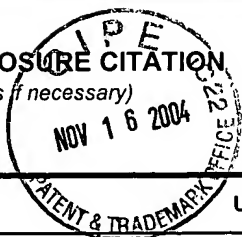
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In addition to PTO Form 1449 that has been submitted herewith with respect to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), the applicant provides the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference identified below:

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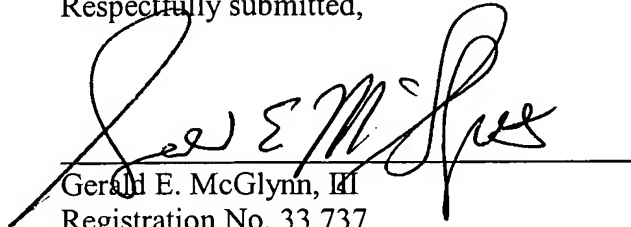
Japanese Patent No. 5-272549 A discloses a vibration-proof mechanism for a power transmission device such as a clutch. The mechanism includes one or more outer disks of the clutch that are halved to form disk section pieces 4a, 4a. These pieces are fitted in a clutch outer disk 2 while spline projections 5 are coupled with a groove 3. The clutch and gears are floatingly supported against the shock center to prevent a shock when the gears are engaged.

The two French patents were cited in a European search report dated December 4, 2002. A copy of the European Search Report is transmitted herewith.

 French Patent No. FR 732 196 A discloses a clutch device that has been found to be relevant with respect to the subject matter of claims 1 - 3 and 5 - 7.

French Patent No. FR 924 404 A discloses a multi-plate friction clutch device that has been found to be relevant with respect to the subject matter of claims 1 - 4, 10, and 12 - 14.

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